

REMARKS

The following remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 27, 2006. Claims 1, 3, 5-6, 9-12, 15-16, 19-24 and 26-30 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 3, 5-6, 9-12, 15-16 and 19 were allowed.

Claims 20-24 and 26-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0132600 (Rudrapatna) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,006,075 (Smith).

Claims 28-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0017835 (Bergel).

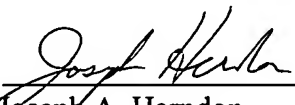
Claim 30 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Smith in view of Bergel and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0114193 (Kavak).

Applicants have cancelled all rejected claims 20-24 and 26-30 without prejudice toward further prosecution of the subject matter of the claims. Applicants respectively submit that in view of the remarks above, all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request such action. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (312) 913-3331 with any questions or comments.

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